

65035
Glass-coated Breccia
446 grams

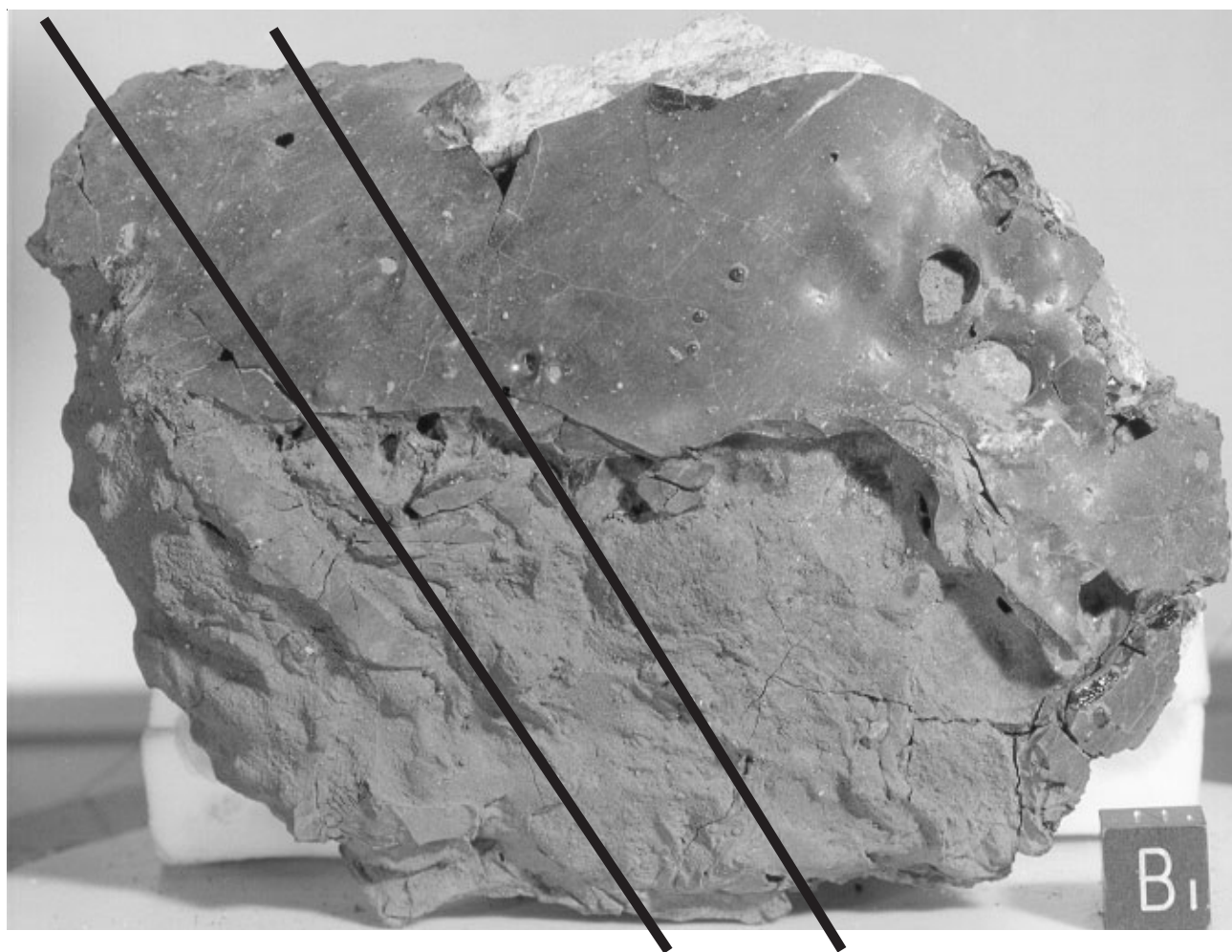


Figure 1: Photo of 65035. NASA S72-39666. Cube is 1 cm. Saw cuts are indicated.

Introduction

65035 is a breccia with large clasts of light-colored cataclastic anorthosite intermixed with dark-colored basaltic impact melt. It is covered or coated with a thick glass coat on one side (figure 1). Although a slab was cut through the middle, 65035 has not been studied. The anorthositic portion is said to be lithologically similar to 65315, a rake sample collected nearby (Sutton 1981).

65035 was a glass coated bomb that landed on the regolith while the glass was apparently still molten allowing welding of fine regolith material (figure 1). The side that was exposed to space experienced

meteorite bombardment to erode the glass coating (figure 2). However, photos of the sample on the lunar surface show the glass side facing upward. This must be recent, because there are generally no zap pits on the smooth shiny glass.

Petrography

Photographs of the interior of 65035 (figures 4 and 7), show that it has two main lithologies (in addition to the glass coating). The dark lithology has a basaltic texture (figure 5) and the light lithology is cataclastic anorthosite (figure 6) of the ferroan type. This is typical of the “dilithic breccia” from this location.

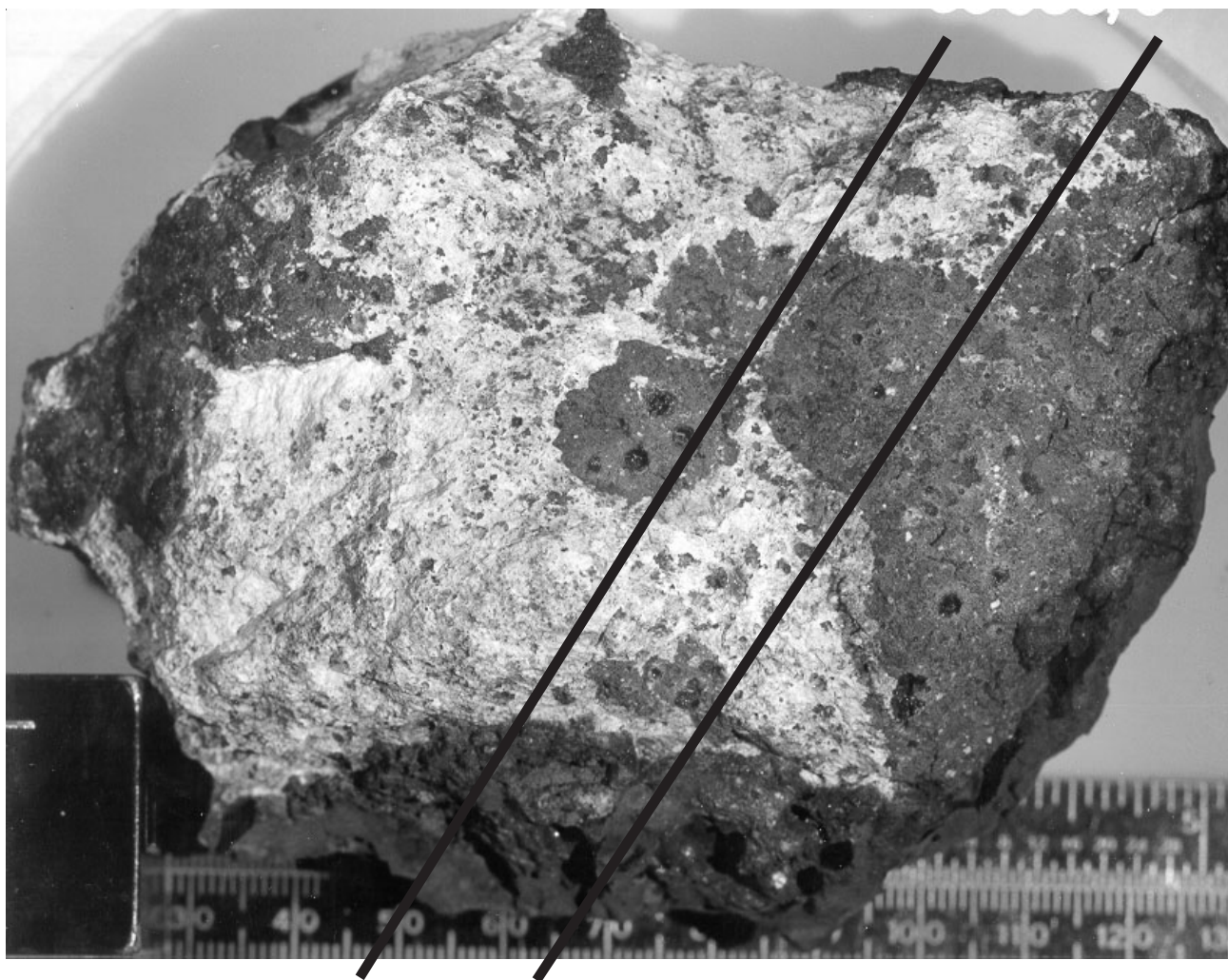


Figure 2: Photo of 65035. NASA S79-33984. Sample is about 11 cm across. Lines indicate trace of saw cuts to produce slab, 28.

Schaal et al. (1979) and Ryder and Norman (1980) give a brief petrologic description.

Mineralogy

Olivine: not reported

Pyroxene: Ryder and Norman (1980) reported an analysis by Schaal of pyroxene ($\text{Wo}_2\text{En}_{63}$).

Plagioclase: Plagioclase is reported as An_{96-97} (determined by Schaal), reported in Ryder and Norman 1980.

Glass: Schaal et al. (1979), See et al. (1986) and Morris et al. (1986) reported on the glass coating.

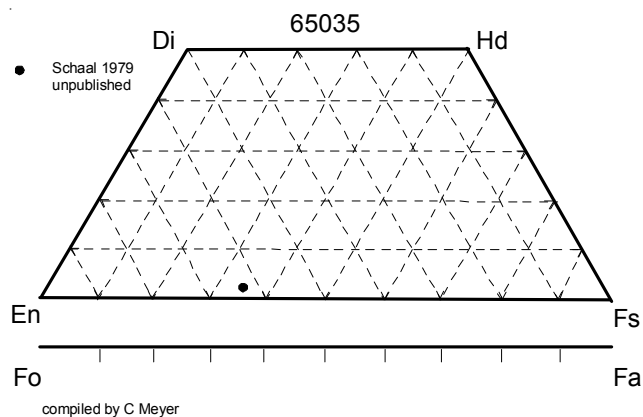


Figure 3: Pyroxene composition of white portion of 65035 (as reported in Ryder and Norman 1980).



Figure 4: Sawn surface of 65035,0 showing dilithic nature of anorthosite and melt rock. NASA S89-42856.

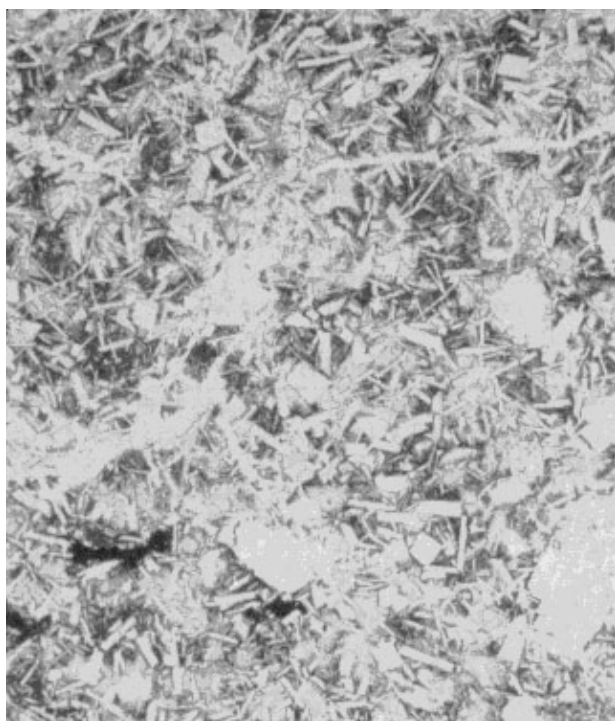


Figure 5: Photomicrograph of thin section 65035,5 showing basaltic texture of impact melt. Field of view 0.5 mm. From Ryder and Norman 1980.



Figure 6: Photomicrograph of thin section 65035,8 showing coarse plagioclase in anorthosite portion. Crossed polarizers. Field of view 2 mm. From Ryder and Norman 1980.

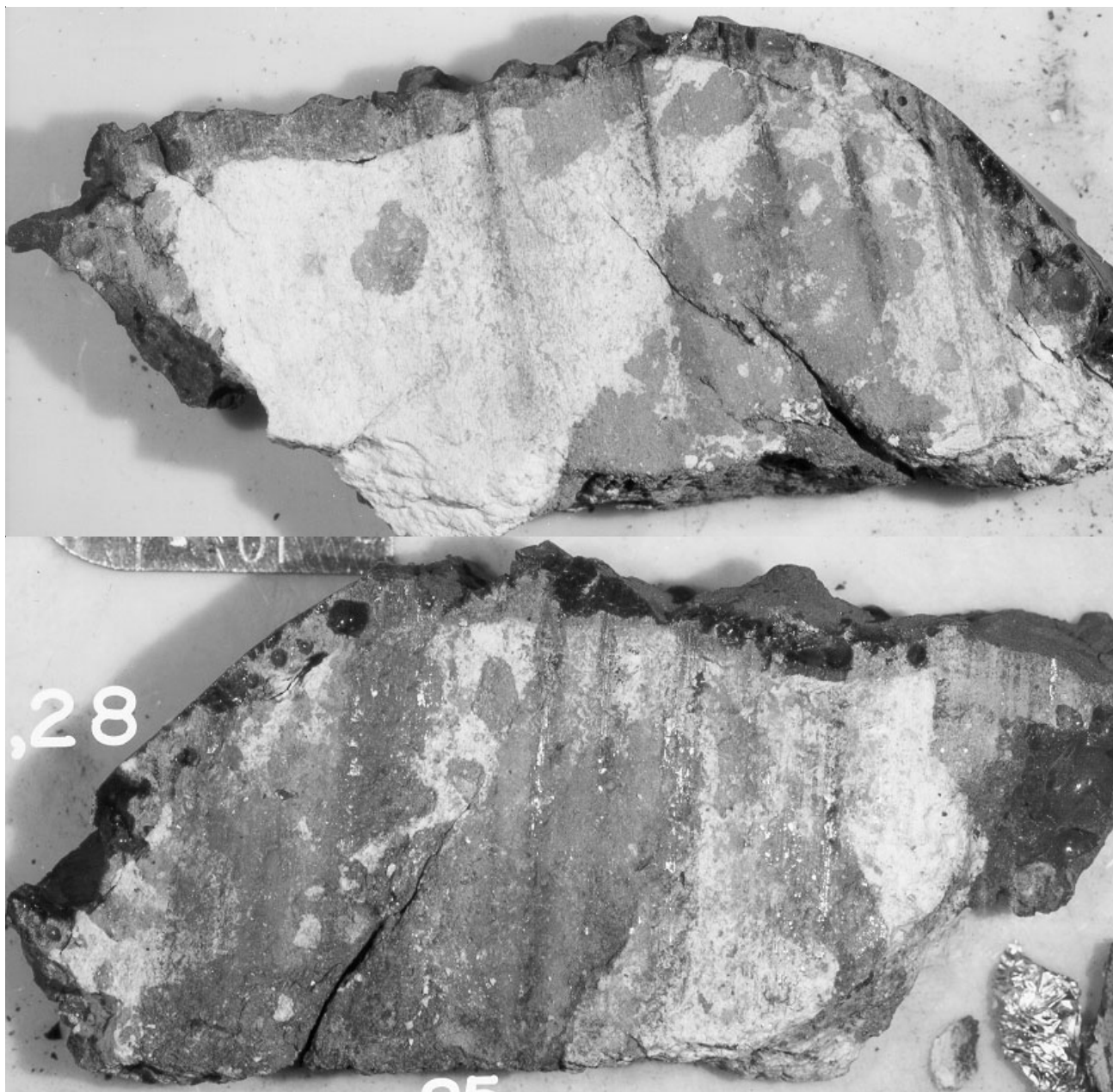


Figure 7: Photos of slab 65035,28. NASA S89-46521 (top) and 42853 (bottom). Saw marks partially obscure image.

Chemistry

Rancitelli et al. (1973a) determined the bulk composition of the whole sample. Morris et al. (1986) analyzed the glass coat (figure 10). The interior impact melt and anorthositic breccia have apparently never been analyzed !

Processing

A slab was cut across the sample in 1989 (see trace in figures 1 and 2).

Cosmogenic isotopes and exposure ages

Rancitelli et al. (1973b) determined the cosmic-ray-induced activity of $^{22}\text{Na} = 49$ dpm/kg. and $^{26}\text{Al} = 172$ dpm/kg.

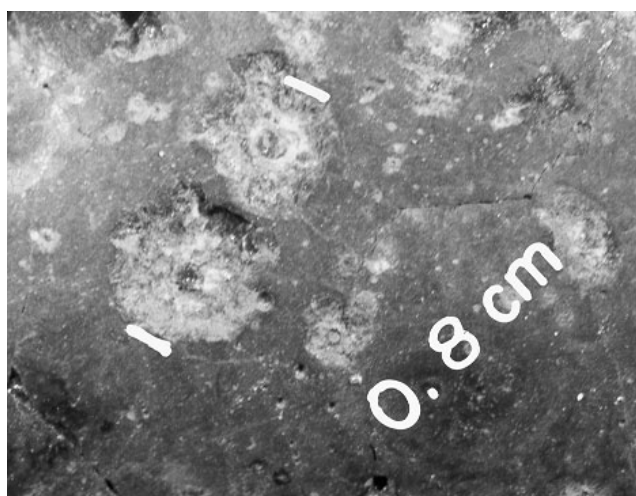


Figure 8: Close-up photo of micrometeorite craters with glass-lined central pits and wide spall zone of glass coating on 65035,0. NASA S88-46193.

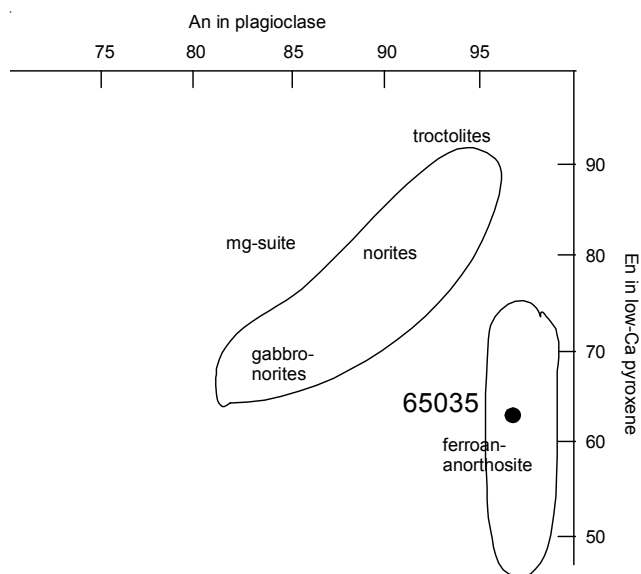


Figure 9: Plagioclase and pyroxene composition of 65035 anorthosite compared with those of other lunar highland rocks. unpublished data

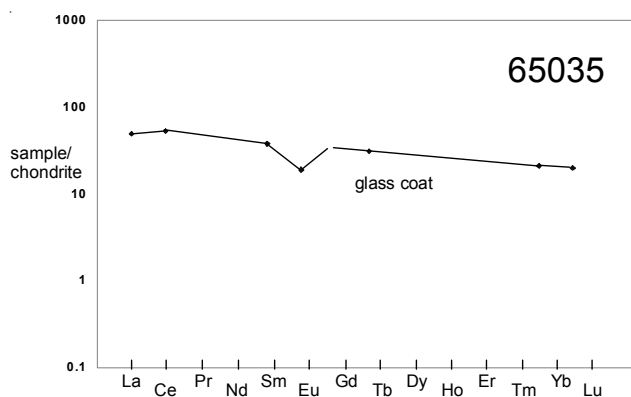


Figure 10 : Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for glass coat on 65035.

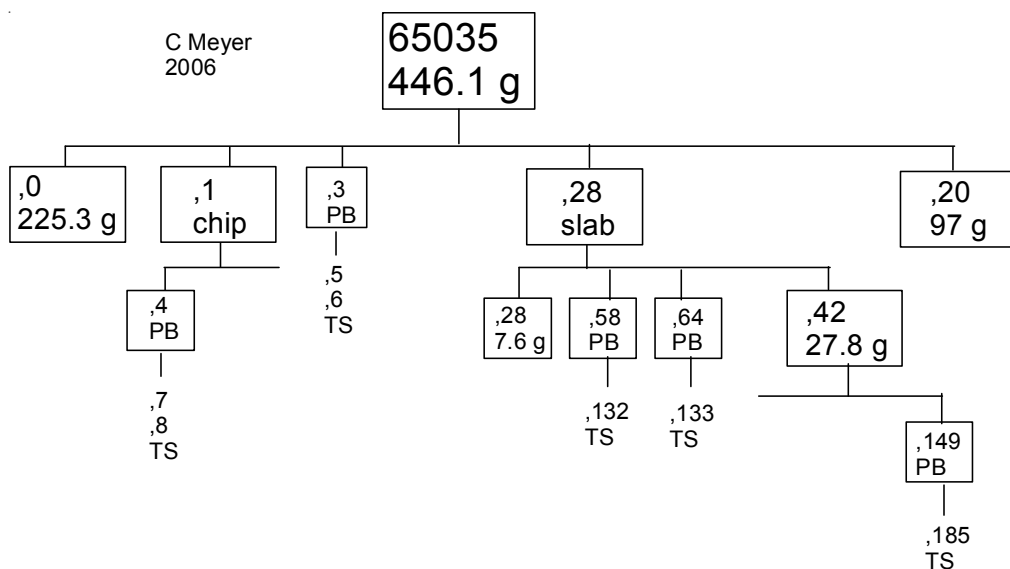


Table 1. Chemical composition of 65035.

reference		glass		anor	
		Rancitelli 73	Morris 86	See 86	
weight	440 g		See 86		
SiO ₂ %		44.59	(c)	44.61	(c)
TiO ₂		0.42	(c)	0.27	(c)
Al ₂ O ₃		25.86	(c)	33.18	(c)
FeO		6.26	(c)	0.95	(c)
MnO					
MgO		7.76	(c)	1.65	(c)
CaO		14.5	(c)	18.47	(c)
Na ₂ O		0.47	(c)	0.45	(c)
K ₂ O	0.11	(a) 0.11	(c)	0.08	(c)
P ₂ O ₅					
S %					
sum					
Sc ppm		6.64	(b)		
V					
Cr		952	(b)		
Co		63	(b)		
Ni		1143	(b)		
Cu					
Zn					
Ga					
Ge ppb					
As					
Se					
Rb					
Sr					
Y					
Zr					
Nb					
Mo					
Ru					
Rh					
Pd ppb					
Ag ppb					
Cd ppb					
In ppb					
Sn ppb					
Sb ppb					
Te ppb					
Cs ppm					
Ba		105	(b)		
La		11.53	(b)		
Ce		31.7	(b)		
Pr					
Nd					
Sm		5.54	(b)		
Eu		1.06	(b)		
Gd					
Tb		1.12	(b)		
Dy					
Ho					
Er					
Tm					
Yb		3.43	(b)		
Lu		0.48	(b)		
Hf		3.71	(b)		
Ta		0.37	(b)		
W ppb					
Re ppb					
Os ppb					
Ir ppb					
Pt ppb					
Au ppb					
Th ppm	1.65	(a) 2.72	(b)		
U ppm	0.43	(a) 0.35	(b)		

technique: (a) radiation counting, (b) INAA, (c) emp